

City of Reading Charter Board
October 7, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
Penn Room

Members Present: Susan Williams, James Fegley, Elizabeth Stanley, Jerry Richter, Tom Anewalt

Members Absent: None

Board Solicitor: Eric Smith, Esq.

Members of the Public: Mr. Don Spatz, Reading Eagle

I. Administration

☒ The Board's next is scheduled for October 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

☒ Meeting minutes for 9/2/14 and 9/16/14 were submitted for review. A motion was made by Ms. Stanley, 2nd by Mr. Richter to approve the 9/2/14 minutes as drafted. The motion passed by unanimous verbal vote. A motion was then made by Ms. Williams, 2nd by Ms. Stanley to approve the 9/16/14 minutes as drafted. The motion passed by unanimous verbal vote.

☒ The Chair announced no new Right to Know requests were received.

☒ The Chair noted that Bill # 69-2014, authorizing a transfer of \$205,000 from the city contingency fund to cover expenses including outstanding legal expenses for the Charter Board was vetoed by the Mayor. A vote to override the veto is anticipated on 10/13/14. Therefore, transfer of funds for the 2014 Charter Board Budget remains pending. Payment of Charter Board invoices remains suspended; however September Invoices were circulated for Board review. A motion to approve the September Invoices was made by Ms. Richter, 2nd by Ms. Stanley. The motion passed by unanimous verbal vote.

☒ The Chair notes that the re-appointment of Ms. Stanley remains outstanding.

II. Education

☒ No current issues.

III. Advisory

☒ No current requests.

IV. Solicitors Report

☒ The Chair announced an Executive Session to confer with counsel regarding pending litigation including the Findings Report for Investigation #44, and procedural matters regarding open Investigations. The Board entered Executive Session 7:20 p.m. and exited Executive Session at 8:18 p.m.

☒ After returning to public session, the floor opened for public comment, none was offered.

☒ A motion was made by Mr. Richter, 2nd by Mr. Anewalt to adopt the Final Opinion and Order regarding Investigation #44 with revisions as discussed, which holds the subject in question did violate Charter Board Ordinance, Section 23-605.C.1., however these provisions are unconstitutional and unenforceable. The subject did not violate Section 23-605. D.2.(a) (b) relating to confidentiality of Board information and wrongful use of the Charter Board, respectively. The motion passed by unanimous verbal vote. The written Final Opinion and Order will be issued no later than October 14, 2014.

V. Closing

☒ Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Susan Williams, Vice Chair,
City of Reading Charter Board